

## MEXICAN REBELS REFUSE TO CALL HALT IN WARFARE AGAINST HUERTA

CARRANZA TO  
IGNORE PLAN  
TO HALT WAR

Declared He Will Not Suspend Military Operations Against Huerta.

## ENVOYS STILL HOPING

Agreement Between United States and Mexican Dictator Reached at Night Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 1.—ADMIRAL HOWARD REPORTED THAT AN AMERICAN BRIG WAS SEIZED BY MEXICAN FEDERAL OFFICIALS AT MANZANILLO, WHO THOUGHT WAR HAD BEEN DECLARED, BUT IT WAS IMMEDIATELY RELEASED WITH APOLOGIES ON DEMAND OF THE RALEIGH. FIRING BETWEEN FEDERALS AND REBELS CONTINUES AT MAZATLAN, BUT ALL IS QUIET AT MANZANILLO.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—To what extent mediation between the United States and Huerta would be affected by the refusal of Carranza to suspend military operations against Huerta, pending mediation, was the chief question confronting the South American mediators when they resumed their sessions today.

A midnight conference of more than two hours between the mediators and Secretary Bryan had established definitely that the United States and Huerta would suspend military operations, the only reservation by the United States being that it would be free to repel any attacks. But Carranza held aloof from any suspension of hostilities between him and the Huerta forces.

All efforts therefore were directed to have a truce include the warring factions of northern Mexico as well as those of the United States and Huerta. The work of the mediators, it was learned, would proceed steadily no matter what the final attitude of Carranza on the question of an armistice, although an adverse decision by him would necessarily restrict intermediation to the main issue between the United States and Huerta.

Receive Huerta Message.

After receiving a message said to have come from the Huerta government, from Spanish Ambassador Riano, the South American envoys seeking mediation entered upon their conference today with more apparent confidence than ever that the work would succeed. Representatives of constitutionalists here insisted that Carranza's acceptance of the principle of mediation would not be followed by acceptance of an armistice, and insisted that the international dispute in Mexico would not be included in the negotiations if a cessation of hostilities is insisted upon in the meantime.

While the mediators continued in conference President Wilson and his cabinet were in session considering mediation proposals.

Without Report on Ryan.

The state department today exerted every means to obtain information as to a report that Dr. Edward Ryan, American Red Cross official, is being held in Mexico sentenced to be executed. Urgent telegrams were sent to Consul Canada at Vera Cruz and to military authorities there asking immediate reports on the Ryan incident. Bryan already had requested the Spanish ambassador, representing Huerta here, to look out for Ryan's safety. No official reports of the detention of Ryan had been received up to 10:30 today.

To Fight Vera Cruz Disease.

Retention of American troops at Vera Cruz for an indefinite period during the progress of mediation has suggested the necessity of special precautions against disease. The beginning of the rainy season today, bringing with it mosquitoes regarded as germ carriers, has induced Supreme General Gorgas, with his Panama experience in mind, to recommend that immediate allotment of a large sum of money be expended in sanitary measures. Admiral Badger cabled that within three days he would send the battleship Montana to New York with the bodies of soldiers and marines killed in Vera Cruz. The bodies will be shipped to the homes of relatives.

Fryer Admitted to Bail.

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, May 1.—Justice George A. Cooke of the supreme court this afternoon granted a writ of superadeas in the Sam Fryer case. Fryer was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000, with J. J. Taxman and Charles Brady as surety.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday, slowly rising temperature; gentle southerly breezes.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 43. Highest yesterday 48, lowest last night 40.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 69, at 7 a. m., 77.

Stage of water 5.1, a rise of .2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter. May constellations visible about 9 p. m. as follows: Ursa Major, Draco, Ursa Minor, Cepheus, Cassiopeia, Auriga, Perseus, Gemini, Canis Minor, Leo, Hydra, Virgo, Corvus, Bootes, Serpens, Hercules, Lyra, Cygnus; Aquilla and Ophiuchus, rising; Libra, Scorpio, rising. Evening stars of the month: Venus, Mars, Saturn, Mercury (17th to 31st). Morning stars: Jupiter, Mercury (1st to 17th).

ROOSEVELT FAILS  
IN A TIGER CHASE

Explorer Fiala Reaches New York and Tells of Colonel's Jungle Trips.

New York, May 1.—Anthony Fiala, the explorer, who was in charge of one of the Roosevelt expeditions in Brazil, arrived at New York today from Rio Janeiro. Telling of his 400-mile journey across country with Roosevelt, Fiala said:

"At times all were forced to dismount our horses and cut a way with knives through the dense undergrowth. The rainy season was on, and sometimes we would travel two days without finding a dry spot big enough for a camp. When we reached Hatto Grosso we rested a couple of days, then all went hunting. In one party which went for tiger cats were Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit, a Brazilian chief of police, a Brazilian colonel and several natives. The party pushed away all day through swamps filled with crocodiles and snakes in pursuit of a tiger cat they scared up. The Brazilian kept up for several hours, but the pace set by the colonel, even in their own jungle, was too much for them. Late at night a boy returning to camp said the colonel and Kermit were two miles off in the jungle. When they finally came out their clothing was torn in shreds and their arms and legs were bleeding in many places. But they were carrying the Brazilians' guns and shoes. The Brazilians had quit and were lying in a dry place recuperating. The tiger got away. The principal difficulty was food. I lost 20 pounds. It is believed Roosevelt lost weight, too."

## Refuse Aldermanic Arbitration.

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—The brick manufacturers refused to permit a committee of aldermen investigating the brick makers' strike to arbitrate a dispute between them and their employees.

## Schooner Jamieson Safe.

Kingsport, Ont., May 1.—The schooner William Jamieson and crew are safe. The schooner was believed lost in a Lake Ontario gale Tuesday.

Always sandpaper the soles of baby's new shoes before they have been worn. This keeps her from slipping on the bare or polished floors, and prevents many a bad fall which could easily result in a sprain or a broken bone.

RATIFICATION OF  
TREATY HELD UP

Washington, D. C., May 1.—All efforts to obtain immediate ratification by the senate of the treaty with Colombia, providing for the payment of \$25,000,000 by the United States, to end the ten year dispute over the secession of Panama, and which gives that country's warships the free use of the Panama canal, has practically been abandoned by the administration pending the settlement of the difficulties with Mexico.

Secretary Bryan, it was understood last night, does not contemplate sending the treaty which has already been signed by representatives of the Colombian state department to the senate at the present time. Many senators declare that opposition to ratification, is so strong that the approval of the upper house could hardly be obtained at this session.

Although the sentiment in the senate on the new peace treaties being negotiated by Secretary Bryan is not so well defined, it is believed that they also will be held in abeyance.

MINE OWNER  
NOW SEEKING  
STRIFE'S END

Young Rockefeller's Attitude Changes in the Colorado Situation.

## WILLING TO LEND HELP

Resumes Negotiations With Chairman Foster of Congressional Committee.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Telegraphic correspondence was resumed today between young Rockefeller of New York and Chairman Foster of the house mines committee and representatives of Rockefeller and strikers in Colorado in an effort to settle the conflict.

New York, May 1.—At the offices of young Rockefeller it was said today he hopes in the near future to devise some plan by which he may relieve the Colorado strike situation. As far as demonstrations against him are concerned, just what he proposes to do was not made clear. He spent the day at his home in Pocantico Hills, transacting business over the telephone. "Mourners" were again seen marching up and down in front of the Standard Oil building. At Mulberry Bend several block from the Standard Oil building, a great crowd assembled to attend a mass meeting of the Anti-Militarist league. Alexander Berkman, the anarchist who shot at Henry Frick, called the meeting to order. One of the banners bore a skull and crossbones, with the caption, No. 26 Broadway.

## More Troops Called For.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—A war department bulletin today said conditions in Walsenburg, in the Colorado mining district, where Captain Smith is in command of federal troops, were reported "critical," but the work of restoring order in Trinidad and Canon City was going forward.

Trinidad, Colo., May 1.—It was doubtful if the proposed mass meeting of strikers to consider the question of surrendering their guns to the federal troops could be held today. It was snowing hard, after a day and night of continuous rain.

Trinidad, Colo., May 1.—Major Holbrook, commanding federal troops in the southern Colorado coal fields, has recommended that more troops be sent into the district to provide adequate protection.

Denver, Colo., May 1.—Governor Ammons telegraphed Secretary Garrison requesting additional federal troops on being informed by Major Holbrook that the latter was unable to spare enough men for duty in the northern Colorado coal fields, where 300 militia are on guard.

## May Repeal Rockefeller Act.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Senator Kenyon introduced a bill to repeal the act incorporating the General Education Board, to which John D. Rockefeller contributed \$42,000,000 in 1903, for carrying on farm demonstrations and other educational work. Among contributions to the board was more than two million dollars worth of stock in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, now involved in the coal strike resulting in the sending of federal troops to Colorado.

CARDINAL GIBBONS HOPES  
COUNTY WILL VOTE "DRY"

Baltimore, Md., May 1.—In a signed statement to the Anti-Saloon league Cardinal Gibbons today expressed the hope that Charles county would go "dry" at the special election on May 16. The statement is as follows: "I believe that the right of the people to determine by the operation of a local option law whether saloons shall or shall not be closed within their respective communities is in harmony with the American principle of self-government, and I congratulate the people of Charles county in that they will have the right to settle this question by ballot on May 16 next, and, realizing the damage which has been done by the liquor traffic in this county, I sincerely trust that at the coming election they will banish forever the licensed saloon, as I believe that it will be to the best interests of their people."

## Buys Beer for Two Years.

Kewanee, Ill., May 1.—Before Kewanee's 18 saloons were closed last night for the first time in 35 years in compliance with the recent dry majority, one resident purchased for private use 60 dozen bottles of beer, which he figures will carry him almost two years. He consumes one bottle each day.

## WHO'S TO BLAME?

TO TAKE TAMPICO  
CARRANZA'S PLAN

Action Is Regarded as Rebel Answer to Any Request for Cessation of Hostilities.

## VILLA WILL LEAD ATTACK

Latter, in Signed Statement, Denies There Has Been Misunderstanding With His Chief.

El Paso, Tex., May 1.—While General Carranza has not replied officially to the proposition of the South American mediators for a federal-rebel armistice, his answer is said by officials here to be plainly forecasted in orders promulgated today for a concentrated attack on Tampico.

The federal gunboats and land defenses of Tampico has proved too big a task for the troops of Generals Caballero and Gonzalez, and orders were issued today for the mobilization of 12,000 troops from the states of Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon.

It is reported also that General Francisco Villa, the first soldier of the revolution, will lead the attack. Monclovia Herrera, whose fame as a fighter has grown immensely during recent campaigns, if present plans prevail, will head the assault on Saltillo, where the remnants of the federal forces from Torreón, Monterey and other places captured by the rebels are gathered.

## See Armistice Failure.

Rafael E. Mirasol, a son-in-law of General Carranza and a leader of the junta here, is among authorities for the declaration that the armistice in northern Mexico is impossible.

It was rumored in connection with the proposal that acceptance of the proposition would have carried with it some form of recognition of the belligerency of the rebels, but General Carranza is said to have commented "he did not care to attain it in that way, as it was bound to come in due time with the complete victory of his forces." General Villa was at Farral today. It is learned that his recent trip to Juarez and his present peripatations are on business matters connected with raising revenue. The United States is said to have suddenly become very rigid in its demands for the protection of all foreign interests in Mexico, thereby embarrassing the progress of raising funds by war taxes and confiscation.

## Messages Are Flying.

George C. Carothers, special agent here of the state department, is working night and day, but concerning the important affairs passing through him he is about as voluble as the sphinx. Telegrams are known to be flying between Washington and Chihuahua, and Carothers and Roberto V. Pesqueria, Carranza's confidential agent here, are in frequent conference. The latter holds daily and nightly conference with his chief by telegraph.

## Will go to Torreón.

Villa's present itinerary probably will be arranged so that he can accompany Carranza into Torreón next Sunday, when he is to review the troops. It is understood that he will visit Monterey also to congratulate his forces there on the capture of the city.

1500 AMERICANS  
HELD IN CAPITAL

Interruption of Railroad Facilities Prevent Departure from Mexico City.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Consul General Canada, at Vera Cruz, reported today there were still 1,500 Americans in Mexico City unable to get out because of interrupted railroad facilities. These are for the most part new arrivals at the Mexican capital from surrounding country. They arrived just after departure of the last train for Vera Cruz. Canada has asked the Brazilian minister and Admiral Craddock, British commander, to exert their efforts to restore railroad communication with the capital.

## New Center Jewish Knowledge.

Madrid, May 1.—The development of a center of Jewish knowledge in Madrid is being undertaken by the Spanish government in the hope that it may bring about a return to Spain of some of the Shephardic or Spaniole Jews living in the east of Europe. They take an aristocratic pride in their purity of blood and long pedigrees, ranking high in Jewish communities wherever they may have settled. They have never lost the use of the Spanish tongue and still profess love and veneration for Spain. A commission of influential Jews resident in Tangier recently visited Madrid and had an audience of the king. They represented some 25,000 Jews scattered throughout Morocco.

## Saloons Close in Galesburg.

Galesburg, Ill., May 1.—At 10 o'clock last night Galesburg again became dry after a wet period of two years. Twenty saloons went out of business.

## Jacobsen Clinton Postmaster.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The president today nominated B. M. Jacobsen to be postmaster at Clinton, Iowa.

BONDHOLDER COMMITTEE  
SEEKS BUYER FOR PAPER

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—Efforts to find a purchaser for the Chicago Record-Herald are under way, but not complete. A meeting of the bondholders' committee was held yesterday at the Illinois Trust and Savings bank. No action was taken. The committee simply reported progress and obtained further time in which to complete the work now under way to get a buyer.

## No date was set for the next meeting, but it probably will be called before next Wednesday. The total bond issue against the Record-Herald amounts to \$2,300,000.

Walter H. Wilson is chairman of the bondholders' committee. Other members are A. A. Sprague II, Charles L. Hutchinson, Herman Waldeck, and John A. Chapman. Victor F. Lawson, owner of the Record-Herald stock and also owner of a large block of the bonds, attended the meeting.

Mr. Lawson notified the bondholders several weeks ago that he would retire from the control of the paper on May 1 and present his interest with his compliments to the bondholders.

Members of the committee said they would request Mr. Lawson to continue in control a few days longer until a purchaser is found or other arrangements are made for a reorganization and control. Among the plans said to be under consideration is the amalgamation of the Record-Herald with the Inter Ocean, which is also for sale and which is under control of a federal receiver.

MAIL SHIP IS  
GROUNDED ON  
JAPAN COAST

Pacific Steamer, With 721 Aboard, Meets With Serious Mishap.

## FIRST BELIEVED LOST

Early Reports Hinted Band of Chinese Pirates Had Caused the Wreck.

TOKIO, JAPAN, MAY 1.—THE BRITISH CRUISER MINOTAUR IS REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT TO THE SIBERIA. THE SIBERIA COMMUNICATED DISTRESS SIGNALS TO THE MINOTAUR BY WIRELESS.

Hong Kong, China, May 1.—Information has been received to the effect that the Siberia is ashore on Samasana island, which is 15 miles east of the Formosa coast line. The British cruiser Yarmouth has gone to her assistance. Samasana is one and three-quarters mile long and a mile wide. Its formation is volcanic and isolated, rocks flank it, and the current is dangerous. The inhabitants are Chinese.

Among the Siberia's passengers were Wiley Beard, teacher in the Philippine public school; Governor Egan of Battanes province; Lieutenant Reys, of the Philippine constabulary; Howard Long, school superintendent, and Orlo Wittaker, captain.

Of 71 first cabin passengers that sailed on the Siberia from San Francisco the majority left the steamer at Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki. A number of passengers boarded the Siberia at various ports touched.

San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—A wireless call for assistance from the Pacific mail steamer Siberia heard on the Japanese coast today indicated she was in grave peril. The liner left San Francisco April 7 for Manila and carries 71 saloon passengers, including Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, wife of the governor general of the Philippines, and Mrs. John Bentlers, wife of the new British consul at Manila.

Dispatches hint that Chinese pirates may have had something to do with the disaster. There were no details up to the late hour tonight. Gravest anxiety prevails owing to the fact that wireless calls for help from the Siberia have ceased. The American consul at Tamsui, Formosa, telegraphs he fears this means the vessel has gone down. An early wireless said the vessel was "sinking," while a later message conveyed the information that she was "ashore" six miles off the mainland of Formosa island.

## Early Tokio Report.

Tokio, Japan, May 1.—The navy department received the following: "The governor general of Formosa cables that a Japanese cruiser on the way to Okinawa islands, off the island of Kinshiu, reports the Pacific mail steamer Siberia met disaster this morning. She sent repeated signals of distress, which finally became insistent. No details are known. The Kento Maru has been ordered to the scene."

A despatch tonight from the capital of Formosa, conveyed the alarming information that Chinese pirates may have had something to do with the reported disaster of the Siberia.

No details of the accident to the Siberia had been received here up to 10 o'clock tonight.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The state department received the following from Consul Williamson at Tamsui, Formosa:

"The Formosa government informs that the Siberia signalled repeatedly for aid this morning. Vessels sent from Karento will take six hours to reach the scene near Kasho island, six miles off Taito. Feared the Siberia has foundered."

The Siberia left Yokohama April 27 and Nagasaki April 29 for Manila. She had a passenger list of 71 persons in the first cabin, 50 in the second, and 400 in steerage, and a crew of 200. She was commanded by Captain Zeeder.

## Davenporters on Ship.

It is believed in Davenport that the Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Whittaker, whose names are on the Siberia cabin list, are Captain Whittaker of the Philippine constabulary and his wife, who left here a month ago to return to Manila. They had with them their nine-months old baby. The captain had been home on a four months' furlough.

MINER ARRESTED  
IN PATMONT CASE

Danville, Ill., May 1.—Tony Bludges, a Lithuanian miner, was arrested at Westville at 1 o'clock this morning by Constable H. J. Coit, State's Attorney J. H. Lewman and a Burns detective, and lodged in the county jail here, suspected of being connected with the disappearance and death of Rev. Louis R. Patmont, whose body was recently disinterred and identified at Cleveland by a brother.

The officers refused to divulge the evidence they have against Bludges further than to state that he was one of the men hired by the "wet" Westville during the local option campaign there.

A warrant charging murder was served in the county jail upon Bludges. He was held without bail.